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PATENT APPLICATION

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q77620

Katsuhisa OHZEKI

Appln. No.: 10/670,790

Group Art Unit: 1754

Confirmation No.: 4363

Examiner: Steven J. BOS

Filed: September 26, 2003

For: METHOD OF PRODUCING METAL PARTICLES AND METAL OXIDE OBTAINED
FROM THE PARTICLES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement dated September 20, 2006, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-12 and 15-18 (drawn to a method of making metal particles) for prosecution, without traverse. In response to the Election of Species Requirement, Applicant elects silver (Ag) used in Examples 1 and 2, also without traverse. Among the Group I claims, claims 1-3 and 5-7 read thereon.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to non-elected subject matter.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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